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SUBJECT: VISIT BY REGINALD EYRE

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1. HUD WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE EYRE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF TEAM AND WOULD UNDERTAKE TO PREPARE FRUITFUL PROGRAM. TIMING, HOWEVER, APPEARS TO BE MAJOR CONSIDERATION.
 2. THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME, WITH SERIOUS LIMITATIONS, WOULD START VISIT ON AUGUST 27. HOWEVER, LABOR DAY WEEK-END APPEARS SHORTLY THEREAFTER, POSING NUMEROUS TRAVEL AND OTHER PROGRAM DIFFICULTIES. MOST IMPORTANT IS THAT U. S. IS DEVELOPING MAJOR NEW HOUSING PROGRAMS TO BE ANNOUNCED EARLY SEPTEMBER. IMPOSSIBLE, FOR EXAMPLE, TO DISCUSS FINANCE AND REHABILITATION BEFORE END OF SEPTEMBER. FROM U. S. STAND-POINT, EARLY OCTOBER IS BEST TIME WITH LAST WEEK SEPTEMBER ACCEPTABLE.
 3. TENTATIVE PROGRAM (REPEAT, TENTATIVE) FELD RESPONSIVE TO INTERESTS EXPRESSED IN REFERENCE CABLE WOULD INCLUDE:
(A) TWO AND ONE- HALF DAYS IN WASHINGTON AREA. APPROXIMATELY ONE DAY WOULD BE TAKEN UP WITH BRIEFINGS AND DISCUSSIONS.
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TOP HUD POLICY AND OPERATING OFFICERS CONCERNED WITH INNER CITY SOCIAL PROBLEMS, URBAN PLANNING AND RENEWAL GENERALLY, AND POLICY AND RESEARCH WOULD MEET WITH GROUP OR APPROPRIATE MEMBERS THEREOF. VISITS WOULD BE ARRANGED WITH APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS. SITE VISITS TO EITHER RESTON OR COLUMBIA, MAJOR REGIONAL SHOPPING CENTER AND LARGE PRIZE-WINNING SUBDIVISION WOULD CONSUME REMAINDER OF TIME. (B) TRAVEL TO AND FROM WEST COAST CONSUMES ONE TO ONE AND ONE-HALF WORKING DAYS. (C) THREE AND ONE-HALF DAYS IN SAN FRANCISCO AREA-- OR ALTERNATIVELY IN LOS ANGELES AREA. IN SAN FRANCISCO AREA MAJOR URBAN RENEWAL AND HOUSING PROJECTS WOULD BE VISITED. A VISIT WOULD BE MADE TO SACRAMENTO, THE STATE CAPITAL, TO TOUR AN INTERESTING OPERATION BREAK-THROUGH (HOUSING) SITE AND VISIT A HISTORIC PRESERVATION (URBAN RENEWAL) PROJECT. IF THE VISIT WERE MADE TO LOS ANGELES, HOUSING, URBAN RENEWAL AND THE WATTS AREA COULD BE INCLUDED AND A SIDE TRIP TO SAN DIEGO COULD BE MADE. (SAN DIEGO HAS HIGH GROWTH, GREAT DYNAMISM AND A VERY ACTIVE CIVIC LEADERSHIP.) (D) TWO OR THREE DAYS IN NEW YORK CITY. SITE VISITS WOULD INCLUDE PROBLEM SOCIAL AREAS, WELFARE ISLAND (NEW TOWN IN TOWN), AND HOUSING PROJECTS. BRIEFING VISITS MIGHT INCLUDE NEW YORK URBAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND PORT AUTHORITY. (FYI: VISIT TO LATTER, WHICH IS MULTI-STATE ORGANIZATION AND IS BUILDING TWO OF THE LARGEST OFFICE BUILDINGS IN WORLD, MIGHT PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR HELICOPTER SURVEY OF CITY.)

4. IN CONNECTION WITH BOTH TIME OF VISIT AND ITINERARY, IT IS FORTUITOUS THAT HUD WILL HAVE REPRESENTATIVES AT THE UK SEMINAR ON NEW TOWNS WHICH BEGINS JUNE 4. THESE REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE VISIT AND THE ISSUES SURROUNDING IT. DURING THEIR STAY IN LONDON, DIRECT CONVERSATIONS WITH EYRE AND MEMBERS OF HIS GROUP ARE OBVIOUSLY HIGHLY DESIRABLE. GROUP WILL BE LED BY WILLIAM SORRENTINO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF NEW COMMUNITIES.

5. IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSIONS WITH EYRE GROUP REGARDING VISIT TO U. S., U. S. GROUP WHICH INCLUDES PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR MEMBERS (SEE STATE 048749 TO USUN, INFO TO LONDON) DESIRES TO TALK WITH DOE OFFICIALS ON COMMON INTERESTS, INCLUDING RESEARCH. GROUP IS WILLING TO TAKE ONE DAY OUT OF UNCLASSIFIED

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SEMINAR PERIOD TO SPEND ONE-HALF DAY DISCUSSING NEW TOWN INTERESTS AND ONE-HALF DAY ON URBAN, INNER CITY AND HOUSING INTERESTS. INTERESTS EXPRESSED IN CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN JOHN PALMER, DOE, AND WYNDHAM CLARKE, HUD, COULD INTER ALIA BE FRUITFULLY CONSIDERED. GROUP ALSO WILLING TO SPEND SOME EVENING HOURS IN DISCUSSION IF THAT IS DESIRED. U. S. PRIVATE SECTOR MEMBERS ARE TOP REPRESENTATIVES OF U. S. LEAGUE OF NEW

COMMUNITY DEVELOPERS. IN LIGHT OF U. K. INTEREST IN PROMOT-
ING PRIVATE FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION IN THEIR NEW MARK III
TOWNS, IT IS FELT THAT A MEETING WHICH INCLUDES PRIVATE U. K.
SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES MIGHT BE DESIRED. ALTHOUGH U. S.
GROUP PERFECTLY WILLING TO DISCUSS EXTENSIVE U. S. PRIVATE
EXPERIENCE, THEY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IN ADVANCE SOME OF THE KEY
ISSUES OR QUESTIONS WHICH WOULD BE RAISED. PLEASE NOTE THAT
MR. MANILOW, PRESIDENT OF THE LEAGUE, WILL NOT ARRIVE UNTIL
JUNE 6. PLEASE ADVISE EARLIEST ON ABOVE. RUSH

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